

Applicants attempted to contact the Legal Instruments Examiner to confirm that the prior-submitted explanation would be deemed satisfactory if the examiner had reviewed it. However, applicants were unable to reach the Legal Instruments Examiner because the phone number (703-306-3208) listed in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is not a working number.

For these reasons and for the convenience of the Legal Instruments Examiner, the explanation of the amendment to the drawing is now again provided:


In the office action mailed on August 3, 2007 the Examiner raised an objection to the drawings because Figure 3 was not identified therein as prior art. A replacement sheet of drawing was therefore submitted with the amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 on October 19, 2007. The replacement sheet of drawing amended Figure 3 to indicate, as requested by the Examiner, that the subject Figure 3 illustrates Prior Art. No other changes were made to the drawing.

Applicants trust that this response is fully responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and fully satisfies the requirement presented by the Legal Instruments Examiner. If the examiner has any remaining questions or further requirements regarding the applicants' response to the subject Notice or the drawings, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the earliest convenience.

Based on the above explanation, the requirement under the Notice should be deemed fully satisfied. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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